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## **MIDWEST FOOD BANK RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM STATE FARM, CATERPILLAR FOUNDATION, AND GROWMARK**

NORMAL, IL – Over the past year, the Caterpillar Foundation, GROWMARK, and State Farm have supported MFB in the form of grants - \$56,000 from the Caterpillar Foundation, \$50,000 from GROWMARK, and \$150,000 from State Farm. All three organizations are top supporters of MFB operations in Illinois and beyond.

“We are proud to partner with MFB to provide critical response when lives are disrupted due to disasters,” says Asha Varghese, President of the Caterpillar Foundation. “The Foundation is also pleased to support the generosity of our Caterpillar employees through our employee Matching Gift Program, creating an even greater impact in the work of MFB.”

“As an agricultural cooperative, we believe partnering with the Midwest Food Bank is a perfect fit for our noble purpose of feeding and fueling the world,” says Karen Jones, GROWMARK Foundation representative. “We are thankful to have an organization of this caliber in our backyard, where we can not only work together financially, but our employees can also volunteer and be part of Midwest Food Bank’s mission.”

The impact of these organizations goes beyond these monetary gifts. Their corporate matching gift program multiplies every employee donation to MFB. Further, the volunteer hours of the employees and retirees are an incredible blessing. There are also behind-the-scenes benefits: support for major projects, printing services, peanut butter and other food drives.

“We appreciate the longstanding support of these organizations,” says Jada Hoerr, CRO of Midwest Food Bank. “The financial and volunteer resources they provide are key to MFB’s operations.”

These organizations are longstanding supporters of the MFB mission. Our relationships with these faithful partners help MFB expand its footprint as we continually seek ways to grow sustainably. While the support is felt most in Illinois, the benefit of these three organizations impacts all divisions of Midwest Food Bank.

Midwest Food Bank has 12 locations, including 10 in the US and one each in East Africa and Haiti. For more information about Midwest Food Bank, please visit their website at [midwestfoodbank.org](http://midwestfoodbank.org).

*Midwest Food Bank (“MFB”) is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) charity. As a faith-based organization, it is the mission of Midwest Food Bank to share the love of Christ by alleviating hunger and malnutrition locally and throughout the world and providing disaster relief; all without discrimination. Our vision is to provide industry-leading food relief to those in need while feeding them spiritually.*

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